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**City of Lafayette's Trial Court Victory  
Affirmed By Court of Appeals**

**LAFAYETTE, CALIF., February 11, 2020**—California's First District Court of Appeal affirmed the City of Lafayette's trial court victory in a case filed by a small group of Lafayette residents alleging that the City Council improperly held closed session meetings and violated the California Constitution.

The group of residents alleged that the City had used a biased process in reaching a land-use decision in 2016. The Court of Appeal affirmed the trial court's findings that the City Council's closed sessions were justified and that the decision was based on a fair, thorough process.

The Court of Appeal found that the City committed a minor technical violation of the Brown Act but that no prejudice resulted from it and it had no impact on the City Council's decision. In its order, the Court found there was no evidence that anyone at the City of Lafayette – councilmembers, staff, or the City Attorney – was biased.

"We are very pleased that the Court of Appeal has affirmed the City of Lafayette's trial court victory in this matter," said Lafayette Mayor Mike Anderson. "The City will continue to keep our focus on important issues facing Lafayette," added Mayor Anderson.

It should be noted that legal fees to defend against this lawsuit have cost the City of Lafayette's taxpayers \$832,023 to date.

You can read the Appeal Court's order [here](#).

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